

# NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Standing Committee:** Undergraduate

**Date:** March 12, 2010

**Location:** Lincoln Room – Country Inn and Suites

**The meeting was called to order at** 11:45 **by** Merryellen Towey-Schulz.

**Secretary:** Please take attendance and indicate any absences, alternates, or guests.

District	Name	Present/Absent	Designated Alternate Member Present	Guest
4	Alford, S.	PRESENT		
1	Barnett, L.	PRESENT		
1	Bartholomew, S.	PRESENT		
1	Bayne, T.	PRESENT		
4	Bohn, P.	ABSENT		
8	Bone, A.	PRESENT		
5	Brown, S.	PRESENT		
8	Gay, A.	PRESENT		
5	Forester, L.	PRESENT		
2	Habrock, B.	PRESENT		
3	Hastings, B.	PRESENT		
3	Hesse, T.	PRESENT		
5	Kupper, J.	PRESENT		
8	Luedtke-Taylor, M.	ABSENT		
6	Moeller, L.	ABSENT		
6	O'Holleran, M.	PRESENT		
2	Rice, C.	PRESENT		
5	Vitosh, D.	PRESENT		
8	Towey-Schulz, M.	PRESENT		
	Pat Etherton			X
	Doug Phelps			X
	Kathy Fischer			X

## Business Conducted:

- I. Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves and told the group or institution they represented
- II. Approve minutes of October 9, 2009 meeting: Moved by O'Holleran and seconded by Forester to accept the minutes as written and distributed.

III. Sign-Up Sheets: Secretary explained the procedure for signing up to volunteer for the following opportunities and the sheets were passed to the group for completion during the meeting.

- Volunteers for UNK, Union College, and York College folio review on June 10, 2010
- NCATE visit for Wayne State College on April 18-20, 2010
- NCATE visit for UNK on September 18-22, 2010
- NCATE visit for Union College on October 24-26, 2010
- NCATE visit for York College on November 13-17, 2010

IV. Proposed endorsements in the Attorney General's office – Rule 21 and Rule 24

V. Endorsements ready for review at second reading – None

VI. Discussion and Action Item:

- Election of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary for each individual Standing Committee group
  - The new Chair is Alan Bone; Vice Chair is Lyn Forester; and Secretary is Sue Alford. All were elected by unanimous ballot.

VII. Discussion Items:

- a. Ideas for cost savings – Did not discuss cost savings in general, but will support whatever seems most economical for the June meeting(s).
- b. Board of Education Perspectives – There was lengthy discussion in reaction to the presentations from Commissioner Breed and State Board members Evnen and Higgins. Recommendations and concerns coalesced around the following four strands:
  1. We need to look for ways to make our State Board members more aware of the way teachers are prepared in our 17 Nebraska institutions and of how the institutions' programs are evaluated and accredited.
  2. We should encourage the development of a group that would represent states and districts whose needs cannot be met by the same problem resolutions as those that work in very large districts (that seem to be the models for our federal programs).
  3. Do we need to develop standards/ways to evaluate 'What is an effective teacher and/or administrator in Nebraska?' 'What makes an educator an effective mentor in Nebraska?'
  4. We need to look at the entire professional development landscape from indoctrination through the veteran teacher. Some questions/ideas that were discussed include:
    1. Is there a role for the ESUs?
    2. Who is responsible for early professional development activities? Can there be a cooperative venture between higher education institutions and school districts?
    3. Should we consider regional systems to offer professional development?

4. What professional development systems are already in place in our state?

c. Discussion Topics-- Endorsement areas (handout)

Regarding the certification of school counselors:

1. We need to capture an understanding of the role of the school counselor in the schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Also, are the roles different in elementary, middle and secondary settings?
2. Concern was voiced about issuing certificates to people who move in from out of state and do not meet the requirements that must be met by our residents who seek a counselor certificate.

The consensus of the group regarding other new certificates was that while there are needs to prepare our candidates to teach in urban and other diverse settings and to meet specialty needs in some districts, we should look at ways to accomplish those ends without necessarily adding new endorsements.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Standing Committee Recommendations for presentation to Full Council:

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